

## Flap over U.S. plan dies down

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Diplomatic Reporter

The agitation on Sunday, among some cabinet ministers, about U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's reference to a "demilitarized Palestine Arab state," proved yesterday to be little more than a storm in a teacup.

Enquiries by *The Jerusalem Post* indicated that Shultz's remark, quoted in a report on Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's meeting with the secretary, was "not put as a concrete statement and apparently uttered for the sake of argument." (The State Department denied yesterday that U.S. officials proposed a "demilitarized Palestinian state" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Sharon during his visit to Washington last week. "We have made no such proposals and did not make such a proposal during Sharon's visit," spokesman John Hughes said.)

The *Post* was told that a non-existent issue might well assume a life of its own now, after some cabinet ministers had reacted "in a typical gavel syndrome."

Jerusalem's admittedly brief, experience with Shultz is nevertheless long enough to indicate that the secretary would not try to "sell a new idea" in this manner. The *Post* was told, "It would not be in the U.S.'s interest to deviate from the Camp David parameters, in this type of conversation."

The *Post* was told that in his frequent conversations with Jewish and other personalities about the future, Shultz had used terms such as "imagination," "effort," "creative thinking," and "momentum," but he had always been careful not to introduce new substance.

Certain official circles in Jerusalem said yesterday that the U.S. does not have a proposal to set up a demilitarized Palestine Arab state. The circles said the most that might be understood from the reports arriving from Washington was that a number of tentative ideas might be circulating within the administration which were remote from being crystallized.

"When the chips are down the U.S. will adhere to the Camp David framework," *The Post* was told.

## Poland goes on alert today

WARSAW (UPI). — Poland's military authorities deployed water cannon, armoured personnel carriers and hundreds of fatigue-clad riot police in key areas of downtown Warsaw yesterday on the eve of anticipated clashes with pro-Solidarity demonstrators.

As military helicopters circled over the city, officials bluntly warned that riot police backed by army units were authorized to use force if necessary against protesters.

Warsaw television last night reported that Polish police seized the radio equipment used for clandestine broadcasts by members of the Solidarity underground. It gave no further details.

Three-man riot police patrols, helmeted and carrying automatic rifles, stood at key Warsaw intersections and big concentrations of heavy security vehicles manned by hundreds of riot police occupied side streets and squares near the area designated by the Solidarity underground as main staging centres for today's demonstrations to mark Solidarity's second anniversary.

Water cannon, armoured personnel carriers and scores of police buses, trucks and jeeps were seen in four strategic locations in one of the biggest security operations since martial law was declared on December 13.

The only comparable buildup since then was in May, when anti-government riots erupted in over a dozen cities.

Similar but lesser police and military buildups were reported in Gdansk and Wroclaw, where police and military patrols were thick on the streets.

But all major cities were reported calm yesterday.

Prime Archbishop Jozef Glemp again appealed for restraint yesterday in a sermon in the Solidarity stronghold of Wroclaw.



Fathi Arafat, brother of PLO chief Yasser Arafat, dances on the dock in Piraeus, Greece, after arriving with wounded PLO evacuees aboard the Red Cross hospital ship *Flora*.

(UPI telephoto)

## Gutsy policeman foils armed convicts' flight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A quick-thinking police sergeant yesterday thwarted an escape attempt by two armed prisoners from a van taking them to an appeals hearing.

Moshe Elgrisi, 24, who is serving a 12-year sentence for armed robbery, pulled a gun on driver Samal Yosef Elimelech, 52, and held it to his head, forcing him to stop the van. Elgrisi and the prisoner he was handcuffed to then jumped from the van.

The convicts forced a passing car to stop, pulled out its driver and prepared to drive off. Elimelech, however, named the car with his van to prevent their escape.

Firing at Elimelech and the other

policemen from the van, Elgrisi then stopped a pickup truck and prepared to drive away a second time.

Again, Elimelech acted: he flagged down a passing army vehicle and borrowed an M-16 rifle from a passenger, then shot out the tires of the fleeing truck.

At that moment another prison van arrived carrying officers and wardens to work. It stopped and they joined the roadside melee.

During the ensuing confusion, Elimelech sneaked up behind Elgrisi and hit him on the head with the butt of his rifle, then disarmed him.

All the prisoners were returned to the Beersheba jail, except for

Elgrisi, who was hospitalized with a head injury. Two policemen were treated for shock and an Arab resident of Gaza, who was riding in the pickup truck, was released after treatment for a minor injury.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg has appointed a committee headed by Nitza Shmuel Eitan, the ministry police controller to investigate the attempted escape. A primary aim of the inquiry will be finding out how Elgrisi got the pistol he used.

The Negev police district issued a statement praising Elimelech's "exemplary conduct" and saying he is being considered for a medal. The statement also noted that Elimelech is a former member of the French Foreign Legion.

## Four die on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

Four people were killed and five others were injured in road accidents yesterday.

At 7:40 a.m. yesterday, a car driven by Avi Mizrahi, 24, of Tel Aviv, skidded on the Sand-Nativot road and collided with a truck driven by a 42-year-old resident of Baka al-Gharbiya. Mizrahi and a passenger in his car were severely injured and a 35-year-old Ashdod man was killed instantly. Police are investigating.

Three people were killed in Hod Hasharon in the afternoon when a truck loaded with furniture collided with a car travelling in the opposite direction. Avner Biechov, 43, his wife Miriam, 37, and their 15-year-old son Arif were extricated dead from the car.

Three youths who were standing at a bus stop, which was hit by the truck, managed to evade the vehicle. The truck driver and his two passengers were injured and taken to Meir hospital in Kfar Sava. The dead couple are survived by a 13-

year-old son and a daughter aged five.

Meanwhile Sura Alataf, the Dan bus driver who is suspected of responsibility for the road accident in which singer Arik Einstein was injured and painter Rivka Rubinstein killed, was arraigned in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. Two others were injured in the accident, which occurred on Sunday.

Police claimed that Alataf had been speeding and ignored a stop sign at the intersection of Reiness and Frishman streets in Tel Aviv. Alataf was remanded into custody.

A demand to revoke the driver's licence of serious traffic offenders was made yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin, who is also chairman of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents.

Speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv, Levin said that his experience on the bench showed that no sentence was harsher for the traffic law offender than the loss of his driver's licence.

## Fahd willing to drop his plan

RIYADH (AP). — Saudi King Fahd

said last night he was "not insisting" on his one-year-old proposal for Arab-Israel peace.

He called for "a new era of Arab detente" and pledged to support "joint Arab action against Israel...utilizing all possible means" at next

week's Arab summit conference.

"The kingdom insists on joint Arab action, not on any specific proposal or idea," Fahd told a Cabinet meeting. "We shall sincerely support any constructive plan unanimously agreed to by the Arab leaders."

## Goldmann to be buried with Zionist leaders

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nahum Goldmann, who died at a Bavarian resort on Sunday night at the age of 87, as reported yesterday, is to be buried on Thursday in Mt. Herzl cemetery's section for leaders of the Zionist movement.

The body of the controversial former president of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress will lie at the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem from 11:30 a.m. on Thursday until noon, when the funeral procession will leave for Mt. Herzl. According to WZO constitutional rules, Goldmann is entitled to be buried in the special section on Mt. Herzl.

President Yitzhak Navon will be among those attending the funeral; he has asked to recite verses from the Psalms. There will not be any eulogies, in accordance with Goldmann's wishes.

It is not yet known whether Prime Minister Menachem Begin, whose policies were bitterly criticized by Goldmann, will interrupt his vacation in Nahariya to attend the funeral. Zionist Executive chairman Arye Duzin will not return from South Africa, where he is on WZO business, to take part. The WZO organizers of the funeral (it is not, by protocol, a state occasion) have not yet had word on attendance by dignitaries from abroad.

The Zionist Executive observed a moment's silence in memory of Goldmann at yesterday's weekly meeting. Earlier, Aliya Department chairman Raphael Kotlowitz had queried whether Goldmann should be buried on Mt. Herzl, alongside Zionist greats, but he and his Herut colleagues did not raise the issue later in the Executive.

Acting Executive chairman Avraham Katz eulogized Goldmann as a "very able personality, who worked for the Jewish people in controversial ways." The Zionist Executive had, in the past few years, criticized Goldmann for his calls for

recognition of Palestinian rights and for territorial compromise. Katz summarized Goldmann's life and noted that the office of WZO president has remained vacant since Goldmann was neither re-elected nor replaced in 1968.

Goldmann, came to the small Bavarian village of Bad Reichenhall for a cure earlier this month and was hospitalized a week ago for a viral infection. The immediate cause of his death seems to have been pulmonary collapse and general weakness.

France's main newspaper, *Le Monde* announced Goldmann's death in a front-page article and French political leaders sent messages of tribute to the WJC and his family.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said yesterday that he was "deeply moved" on hearing of Goldmann's death.

A government spokesman said Schmidt had maintained a close relationship with Goldmann for many years and had not forgotten the great services Goldmann had rendered in achieving a reconciliation between Jews and Germans during the post-war years.

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## Syrian troops move east; Arafat out of Lebanon

by JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — PLO leader Yasser Arafat, solemn and still unshaven, yesterday sailed away from this city, where he had directed the battle against Israel since his organization was ejected from Jordan in September 1970.

Several hours earlier the first units of Syria's 85th brigade, as well as soldiers in red commando uniforms, left IDF encircled West Beirut and took up new positions in the Bekaa valley.

The withdrawal is continuing at a fast pace, but a senior Foreign Ministry official said he is sure the enemy is cheating and some terrorists would remain behind. "It's not a question of whether they are cheating but by how much," he said. This will be examined after the withdrawal is formally completed, he added.

The impact of the PLO, Palestine Liberation Army and Syrian withdrawal was clearly felt here. Shooting is frequent and traffic between the city's two sectors is heavy. Yesterday evening cars were moving in four lanes in front of the parliament.

Arafat's unceremonious departure was preceded by a press conference at the home of his ally, Walid Jumblatt, head of the Moslem leftist alliance. Arafat said he was "very proud because we had the honour to defend this part of Beirut" from the "barbarous and savage Israelis."

The Greek liner *Atlantis*, which took Arafat and some 60 bodyguards, arrived here at 9:30 a.m. PLO security agents arrived at the same time in three vehicles. The men were in uniform and the women in civilian dress, all carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles.

While security agents were making the necessary arrangements, another convoy arrived with

Arafat's suitcases and a big picture of him in a black and white keffiyah, which was placed in the bow of the ship.

A sudden increase in firing in the air — including the firing of 10 to 15 RPGs — signalled Arafat's departure for the port.

A French jeep followed by a truck with green-beretted French troops belonging to the multinational force led the convoy into the port area, which was heavily guarded by U.S. Marines and Lebanese Army soldiers.

Arafat arrived in a black limousine reportedly belonging to Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, who accompanied him to the port along with former prime minister Sa'eb Salam.

Arafat, in a suit and black and white keffiyah, was immediately surrounded by well-wishers when he emerged from the car. They embraced and kissed him and he

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## IDF soldier wounded in mine ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An IDF soldier was wounded yesterday in the eastern sector of South Lebanon when the half-track in which he was travelling went over a mine.

The incident occurred at 10:30 a.m. on a dirt track near the village of Kamed el-Luz, northeast of Lake Karoun. The wounded soldier was rushed to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Terrorists in the nearby hills (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Weinberger due tomorrow, preceded by Israel's envoy

By YOSEF GOELL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Ambassador Moshe Arens is due in Israel today to assist in preparations for the visit of U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger is to arrive tomorrow evening on his first ever visit to Israel. He will be coming from Lebanon, where he is to visit the U.S. Marine contingent monitoring the PLO evacuation from that city.

U.S. sources believe that the evacuation may be totally completed by tomorrow, two days ahead of schedule.

Weinberger is scheduled to stay in Israel two days. Israeli sources believe his visit will provide a good opportunity to give the Secretary an intensive briefing on Israel, the administered areas and Israel's strategic situation vis-a-vis its Arab neighbours.

It is seen here as significant that the Weinberger visit was announced last week from the Western White House, where President Ronald Reagan is vacationing, rather than from the Secretary's own office in the Pentagon.

Arens will accompany Weinberger throughout his visit to

Israel. The Israeli military attache in Washington, Aluf Menachem Meron, also left for Israel last night to join the secretary's party in Israel.

Following his tour of Israel, Weinberger will go to Egypt for a short visit before returning to the U.S. The visit is seen here as part of the ongoing process by which the Reagan administration is formulating the nature of American policy in the region following the completion of the PLO's expulsion from Beirut.

Asher Wallfish adds:

Arens is known to have spent a great deal of time in the last few months explaining Israel's positions to Weinberger, and the two are said to have a close working relationship.

Hence, when Arens suggested to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, after the surprise announcement of Weinberger's visit, that he would do well to come over and escort the defence secretary, the premier welcomed the idea enthusiastically.

Protocol requires that an ambassador accompany a foreign president or premier on an official visit (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

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## THE WEATHER

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Safed	45	17-28	29
Haifa Port	66	24-30	31
Tiberias	31	24-36	37
Nazareth	41	20-30	31
Afula	45	21-32	33
Shomron	46	20-30	31
Tel Aviv	62	22-31	31
B-G Airport	49	21-31	32
Jericho	35	21-35	36
Gaza	71	22-29	39
Beersheba	33	18-32	39
Eilat	17	24-38	38

## WEINBERGER

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here. Ambassadors generally also come when a foreign minister visits here, but rarely do so when a defence secretary comes. Arens' presence with Weinberger can thus be seen as an extraordinary gesture of goodwill and courtesy to the U.S. defence secretary.

Weinberger's attitude to Israel is believed to have mellowed noticeably in the wake of his contacts with Arens.

The sale of 75 F-16 warplanes to Israel will apparently come up in Weinberger's talks here. One Jerusalem official pointed out to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the deal was not "suspended" since it had never been concluded, and the only administration action was to delay the proposal that Congress discuss and approve the deal. No formal announcement was made about a postponement, moreover, which will make it simple for the administration to backtrack on what was nevertheless a rebuke to Israel at the time.

As for the suspension of the memorandum on strategic cooperation between the two countries, which will also come up in Weinberger's talks, one view in Jerusalem is that the secretary is very unlikely to announce reimplementation of the memorandum while here.

The application of Israeli law to the Golan Heights last winter, which motivated the American sanction, will not be rescinded, which makes it hard for the administration to rescind its punitive suspension.

In any case, with the events in Lebanon so close, the time for this would not be ripe, *The Post* was told.

## WOUNDED

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opened fire on soldiers who came to the assistance of the half-track and a command car following it. The IDF troops returned the fire.

The terrorists apparently laid the mine the previous night and waited in ambush until a vehicle hit it. The IDF positions near the village are only some 200 metres away from Syrian and terrorist positions.

Members of the French engineering unit in UNIFIL are currently conducting searches for mines in South Lebanon. A number of Lebanese civilians have been killed and wounded in the past few weeks when their vehicles hit mines on dirt roads. Four members of one family were killed last week in the western sector and two Lebanese children and two UNIFIL soldiers were wounded by mines in separate incidents.

Prior to his induction 18 months ago, Gozansky informed the military authorities that his conscience would not allow him to serve in the administered territories and he subsequently served in the south.

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## Peace pact backed by Maronites

Jerusalem Post Staff

Members of a Maronite Christian "think tank" behind President-elect Bashir Jemayel yesterday called on the U.S. to support Israeli and Lebanese efforts to remove remaining Syrian and PLO forces from Lebanon.

Five members of the political research group at Kaslik University, a Maronite study centre, emerged from an hour-long meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and said they backed a formal peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel.

Shamir told the delegation, which is visiting Israel for four days, that "the Middle East of today presents a pluralism of nationalities and cultures, but this need not inevitably generate antagonisms."

The delegation members, all of whom are associated with Kaslik University, are: Father Thomas Mouhanna, dean of philosophy and human sciences; Dr. Robert Abdo Ghanem, president of the Supreme Court of Lebanon; Dr. Victor Ghoraiab, economist and secretary-general of the Lebanese Citizens Front; Dr. Khairallah Ghanem, professor of constitutional law and political science; and Sheikh Walid al-Khazen, a barrister and a member of the Kaslik Group for Political Research.

An Israeli official said the Kaslik group provided "the ideological backing behind Jemayel and his people." Father Mouhanna said it could be described as a "think tank."

Al-Khazen praised the U.S. in general and envoy Philip Habib in particular for engineering the departure of the PLO and Syrian forces from Beirut. He added: "We feel we will be able to reach a formal peace that is already in our heart and in the heart of the Lebanese people."

## Arafat will stop briefly in Greece

ATHENS (AP). — A government spokesman said yesterday that PLO chief Yasser Arafat, sailing into exile aboard a Greek cruise ship, will disembark briefly in Greece tomorrow for talks with Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreu.

Government sources said Arafat will sail to Tunisia after the stopover. However there was no official confirmation.

"Mr. Arafat is expected to arrive tomorrow morning and probably will depart again the same day or early Thursday to continue his voyage," government spokesman Dimitri Maroudas said. "He will meet with Premier Papandreu shortly after his arrival."

Maroudas said Arafat, who left Beirut yesterday aboard the Greek-owned Atlantis, might land at a small port in Attica for security reasons and stay at a country hotel.

"He will also hold a meeting with deputy foreign minister Carolos Papaoulas," Maroudas said.

The statements quashed persistent rumours that Arafat would meet with French President Francois Mitterrand, who is due to fly in tomorrow evening for a two-day official visit at the request of Greek President Constantine Karamanlis.

Arafat last visited Greece in December 1981.

## Soldier jailed again for refusing war duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A 20-year-old soldier who refuses to serve in Lebanon, purportedly on grounds of conscience, has been sentenced to his third consecutive term in army prison, his father said yesterday.

Eli Gozansky of Bat Yam, a medic in the Armoured Corps, refused an order a month ago to join a new unit in Lebanon, his father Yoram said. He was court-martialled and sentenced to 14 days in an IDF stockade. A second refusal earned him another 14 days and last week he was sentenced to 26 days for refusing a third time.

Prior to his induction 18 months ago, Gozansky informed the military authorities that his conscience would not allow him to serve in the administered territories and he subsequently served in the south.

## PLO seek to escape from Tunisian camp

OUEDZARGUA, Tunisia. — Less than a day after reaching their isolated camp in the bleak Tunisian hills, Palestinian terrorists already are restless and trying to slip away without permission, Tunisian guards said on Sunday.

After years of combat and entertainment in Beirut, nearly 1,000 Palestinians arrived at this makeshift camp to find only soccer and basketball for diversion.

"They all want to slip out," said a Tunisian soldier on guard duty who refused to give his name. "One told us he would crawl on his belly to the nearest town if he had to."

The nearest town is Beja, a wheat farming community 19 kilometres east of the camp with some 20,000 inhabitants and few amusements.

At least two Palestinians wearing civilian clothes were caught trying to hitchhike to Tunis, 68 kms. east of here, camp authorities reported.

They said the terrorists would be free to come and go, but they would require passes and be under official control as at any army base.

Tunisian authorities converted the compound of an agricultural school into the camp for the Palestinians, who belong to the Palestine Liberation Army, Fatah and other groups of the PLO.

They were trucked here after six days at sea and assigned to iron bunks lined up nearly pillow-to-pillow in tents and a huge dormitory in a school building.

The men are without the Soviet-designed AK-47 assault rifles that they had carried during years of combat.

After a brief argument, PLO officers agreed the men would leave their personal weapons on the boat, with

the understanding they would be returned later to the camp.

But Prime Minister Mohammed Mzali has said the Palestinians will not be allowed to carry arms in Tunisia — even in the camps.

PLO officers refused to allow visitors into the camp on Sunday, saying they were busy with a policy meeting.

Wounded but full of confidence for "their final victory," 146 Palestinian fighters arrived in Piraeus yesterday for treatment in Greek hospitals or transfer to East European countries.

"I am going to fight again. The struggle is not finished. We are going back to Palestine," said Abdel Misi Abdallah, a 26-year-old PLO member.

He was the first to be carried ashore on a stretcher from the West German Red Cross ship Flora which brought the wounded from Beirut.

"Tell the imperialists and the Israelis that we will crush them," said a 25-year-old Palestinian with a stomach wound. "If they cut both my hands and my legs, my soul will remain fighting."

Dr. Fahri Arafat, president of the Palestinian Red Crescent and younger brother of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, supervised the landing of the wounded.

A group of 20 wounded Palestinians were flown into Yugoslavia yesterday for medical treatment, authorities in Belgrade said.

A special Yugoslav chartered jetliner flew the 20 wounded terrorists from Athens to Zagreb, west of Belgrade, to a heroes' welcome. Officials of the Red Cross youth organizations presented the PLO members with red carnations before they were taken to hospital. (AP, UPI)

## Arafat's deputy vows to keep fighting

BEIRUT. — The possibility that the PLO may become a primarily political, rather than military, organization was brushed aside yesterday by one of the PLO's top leaders.

"There is no such thing as a political PLO," said Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), PLO chief of security and Yasser Arafat's deputy in Fatah.

"If we were before this war convinced 100 per cent of the importance of armed struggle, we are convinced 10 times more of this fact now," he told reporters. "We have experienced exodus before. This is our fourth exodus."

Khalaf said the PLO is fighting alone and owes no debts to anyone. On the other hand, he said that

every Arab nation had "incurred debts throughout this battle which we will collect at the appropriate time and place."

He added: "We are now going to Damascus where there will be a full headquarters of the Palestinian revolution, close to Israel. But we are going out in search of an Arab capital that will offer the same for us as Beirut did."

Condemning the lack of an Arab summit during the war, Khalaf said the PLO was opposed to the summit proposed for next week in Morocco, but would attend if it is held.

However, he called for a ban on the attendance of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Jemayel. (AP, UPI)

## PLO officials expose renegade 'Abu Nidal'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — PLO officials in Europe have released to a British newspaper secret files exposing the terrorist activities of renegade Sabri al-Banna ("Abu Nidal") and his "Black June" group. The files, given to *The Sunday Times*, show that Iraq pays him \$10 million a year and Syria \$1m. This is supplemented with "blackmail money from the Gulf States."

The attempted assassination in London of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov last June was planned in Baghdad, the files reveal.

This exposure of al-Banna by former colleagues in the PLO has been done for two reasons, the newspaper states: "to dissuade disillusioned Palestinian fighters from embarking on a new wave of international terrorism and to prevent al-Banna's group from taking over the leadership of the Palestinian people."

The PLO claims that he has deliberately sabotaged the Palestinian cause. The files detail the terrorist activities of his group, both against Israeli targets and against Palestinians. They also show that al-Banna has 200 men and a training camp in Iraq, and another training camp in Syria.

Long based in Iraq, and currently believed to be in Damascus, al-Banna is a former Fatah commander who was sentenced to death in absentia for challenging Yasser Arafat's leadership.

## Arab ministers decide to reopen Fez summit

RABAT (Reuters). — Arab Foreign ministers yesterday agreed to reconvene the 12th Arab summit in Fez on September 6, the official Moroccan news agency reported.

The announcement was made at the end of the three-day ministerial session at Mohammedia, north of

Casablanca.

The 12th summit was suspended within a few hours of its opening in Fez last November because radical Arabs objected to a Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East, which implicitly recognized Israel's right to exist.

## China blames Vietnam for tension

PEKING (Reuters). — China yesterday accused Vietnam of launching "provocative and aggressive" attacks across their common border, and said two Chinese soldiers had been wounded in the clashes.

The official newspaper *People's Daily* said the soldiers were injured in an attack on Thursday in the Koulin district of Yunnan province. Chinese troops returned fire, forcing the Vietnamese to flee, it added.

The paper also said that on the same day Vietnamese soldiers had attacked peasants with mortars and machine-gun fire as they were harvesting corn in Malipo county in Yunnan.

It also reported two clashes on Friday in the Fakshan district of Guangxi province in which it said Vietnamese troops had sprayed a

primary school with machine-gun bullets.

In May 1981 Fakshan and Malipo were the scenes of two of the most serious clashes since China and Vietnam fought a border war in 1979. China reported more than 250 Vietnamese dead in the clashes.

Last Thursday Peking dismissed a Vietnamese proposal for a six-week-long cease-fire, accusing Hanoi of being entirely responsible for the border tension.

BEACH THIEF. — Police yesterday arrested a 16-year-old boy as he was removing the radio from a car parked at Palmahim beach. Police suspect the youth, who was remanded for seven days, broke into 51 other cars during the summer.

MECCA. — Some 2,000 Israeli Arabs have registered for this year's pilgrimage to Mecca, 560 less than those who originally applied for exit permits to Saudi Arabia. Those who decided not to go said the package fares offered by Jordan were too expensive — 314 dinars (\$816) by air or 239 dinars (\$621) by bus.

## Airlines condemn plans for Ben-Gurion strike

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of foreign airlines operating in Israel yesterday expressed grave concern over the plans to close down Ben-Gurion Airport this Saturday. An emergency meeting of the scheduled airlines' representatives, they said that Israeli tourism would be severely damaged should the airport be closed.

El Al and airport workers have decided to hold a one-day strike on Saturday to protest the government's decision to close down the airline on the Sabbath and religious holidays.

The representatives said travel agents abroad are already considering sending tourists to destinations other than Israel, where airport strikes disrupt the passengers' trips.

They criticized the Transport Ministry's suggestion to use alternative airports during the strike, saying this would inconvenience passengers and incur the airlines' added expense.

The Histadrut committee appointed to conduct the fight against the government's decision yesterday received dozens of offers for solidarity strikes from workers' committees in plants throughout the country. Committee coordinator Moshe Levy yesterday refused to say which plants would strike on the weekend, but said they would be key plants in the economy. He also said the Histadrut could not allow all the plants to strike and had to decide to allow strikes by only a small number of them. The list of striking plants is to be published tomorrow.

Some 20 powerful workers' committees throughout the country are supporting El Al's workers' fight, fearing that once the religious parties finish with El Al, they could start on other plants and companies which operate on Saturday.

Israel Radio will be blacked out this Saturday, except for hourly news bulletins. Radio staffers have decided on the step as a show of solidarity with the El Al workers.

## UN doctors operate on IDF soldier

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — UNIFIL doctors yesterday operated on an Israeli soldier injured when two IDF vehicles crashed head-on near Nakoura on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

The injured soldier was taken by UNIFIL troops to their base hospital at Nakoura, where he underwent a three-hour operation.

During the surgery an IDF helicopter brought in extra units of blood.

Following the operation, the soldier was flown to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, where he was listed yesterday in satisfactory condition.

## Ben-Porat: Opposition encouraged terrorists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT GAT. — Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat said here yesterday that the terrorists in West Beirut had undoubtedly been encouraged to stay put by opposition calls to the government not to send the army into the Lebanese capital.

Ben-Porat said that the personal frustrations of some Labour Party leaders had prompted them to make "far-reaching declarations." He accused the party of knuckling under to the Mapam line and of abandoning the attitude of responsibility for the wider national interest which it had displayed during most of its existence.

Describing Syrian President Hafiz Assad as a "sophisticated and sober leader," Ben-Porat called on him to "dissolve his alliance with the Soviet Union, which had proven in the Lebanon fighting to be devoid of all credibility."

## Avnery questioned on interview with Arafat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Journalist and politician Uri Avnery was questioned yesterday for three hours by Tel Aviv police about his visit to West Beirut and meeting with PLO chief Yasser Arafat about two months ago.

The former Sheli-MK is suspected of breaking a law prohibiting Israeli citizens from entering hostile territory and contacting the enemy.

Police refused Avnery's request that his attorney be present. After questioning, Avnery was released on IS\$5,000 bond.

## Hussein calls for new U.S. peace initiative

NEW YORK (Reuters). — King Hussein of Jordan was quoted yesterday as saying he would consider any new U.S. Middle East peace initiative that went beyond the Camp David Peace accords.

The king, speaking in an interview which appeared in yesterday's *New York Times*, said: "As far as we are concerned, a new process, new initiative, a new process, will have to be born of the need to move rapidly towards the establishment of a just and durable solution."

He added that the Camp David process was "totally unacceptable" to Jordan.

which was conducted in Amman, the king also said he would soon be holding talks with the PLO to work out political strategy. He emphasized that the Palestinian problem was "the root cause of instability in the area."

## CORRECTION

The fashion show featuring creations of students at the Hadassah Seligberg-Brandis Comprehensive High School on the theme "Jerusalem of Gold" will take place tomorrow at Binyanei Ha'uma at 12.15 p.m. and not as stated yesterday.

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# HOME NEWS

## JERUSALEM POST POLL 60% of public oppose negotiations with PLO

By MARK SEGAL  
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Almost two-thirds of the public oppose talks with the PLO, and a similar proportion opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state. Among Likud voters there is a greater willingness to talk to the PLO than among Labour supporters.

Almost half the public is dissatisfied with the U.S. current attitude towards Israel, irrespective of party affiliation.

The above data emerged from *The Jerusalem Post's* latest poll, conducted August 10-19 by the Modlin Ezrahi research institute among a representative sample of 1,937 adults.

Q. "Do you think we should conduct peace negotiations with the PLO leadership?"

Yes — 7.9 per cent  
Yes, under certain conditions — 19.8 per cent  
No — 60.7 per cent  
Undecided — 1.6 per cent

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer noted that while two-thirds categorically opposed dealing with the PLO, one-fifth were willing upon certain conditions, and another 18 per cent were for talks without any reservations.

Shemer found the following results when analysing the link between respondents' answers and their party affiliations:

	Likud voters per cent	Labour voters per cent
Yes	13.3	24.5
Yes, under certain conditions	16.4	23.8
No	68.7	48.9
Undecided	1.6	2.8

She noted the clear difference between the stand taken by supporters of the two main parties on talks with the PLO. When making a demographic analysis of the pros and cons, Shemer found that opponents to talks were drawn equally from all strata of the population. But among those in favour, there was a preponderance of women, the 30-39 age group, white-collar workers and the non-observant.

Q. "Do you support the formation of a Palestinian state?"

	All respondents per cent	For talks with PLO per cent	Against talks with PLO per cent
No	64.9	44.2	78.0
Yes, in Jordan	14.6	18.3	11.6
Yes, in Lebanon	0.9	2.0	0.3
Yes, in an Arab country (e.g. Saudi Arabia, Egypt or Syria)	1.9	5.8	0.9
Yes, elsewhere	4.4	3.8	3.5
Yes, in Judea and Samaria	5.2	13.1	4.8
Undecided	8.1	12.8	4.9

Shemer noted that while 65 per cent totally opposed the idea, one-quarter of the public was amenable to the notion as long as the new state were outside the present frontiers of Israel. Only 5 per cent accepted the idea of a Palestinian state in the West Bank. Shemer thought it significant that over 40 per cent of those favouring talks with the PLO opposed the idea of a Palestinian state as such, with another 30 per cent of that group for a state beyond the present boundaries of Israel.

Q. "Are you satisfied with the current U.S. attitude towards Israel?"

	All respondents per cent	Likud voters per cent	Labour voters per cent
Very satisfied	4.5	4.2	6.1
Satisfied	24.5	25.2	23.2
Fairly satisfied	19.2	18.3	19.0
Not so pleased	35.8	35.0	33.0
Dissatisfied	13.7	14.6	15.3
Undecided	2.3	2.7	3.4

Shemer noted that nearly half (49.5 per cent) were dissatisfied with the American attitude towards Israel, with another 48.0 per cent satisfied or fairly satisfied. She found it significant that there was little difference between the responses of Likud and Labour voters.

### Pro-government group protests war reporting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seven members of the Peace and Security movement, which supports the government's conduct of the war in Lebanon, met yesterday with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to protest what they termed "the national communication media's unbalanced reporting of the Peace for Galilee campaign." Hammer is the minister in charge of television and radio.

According to Prof. Moshe Ben-Ziman of the Hebrew University, the group discussed with Hammer many examples of what they con-

sider to be unbalanced reporting. One of the examples was Israel Television's refusal two months ago to broadcast the contents of a letter supporting the government. The letter, written by a group of Tel Aviv University academics, was in reply to a letter from a group of French professors condemning Israel for its war policies. Television's refusal to publish the letter, the group said, created an information gap, since the French letter received wide publicity.

Ben-Ziman said that several ideas were discussed, but he refused to disclose them.

### Japanese Jews donate \$13,000 to Rambam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Members of the small Jewish community in Kobe, Japan, have donated a total of \$13,000 towards the purchase of new equipment for the ear, nose and throat department of Rambam Hospital here.

Prof. Isaac Eliachar, head of the department, said \$8,000 was

received last year and was spent on an electronic middle-ear analyser, which is already in use, enabling doctors to make an accurate assessment of a patient's hearing threshold. The balance will help buy a vestibular device used for testing a patient's balance mechanism — particularly in the inner ear.



Former U.S. treasury secretary Michael Blumenthal (left), no longer hampered by official policy restraints, tours Jerusalem's Old City yesterday with Mayor Teddy Kollek.

## Court to decide on brit mila for baby of jailed parents

By JEFFREY HELLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The question of whether a baby whose parents are both in prison can be circumcised without his father's permission or presence will come before the Tel Aviv District Court this morning.

The infant's father is in prison in Ashkelon facing charges of having participated in the killing of Ramle Detention Centre chief warden Roni Nitzan last December and the fatal shooting of a guard during a robbery in the Keren Or jewelry factory a month later.

The mother is Avitan's girlfriend Orit Arviv, who is in Neve Tirza Prison for Women awaiting trial as an accessory to both crimes. She gave birth to the baby boy last week — the first time a child has been born inside an Israeli jail.

Up until Sunday, it seemed as if the *brit mila* (ritual circumcision) would be held today at Ashkelon

prison with both Avitan and Arviv present, said attorney David Ifrah, who represents Avitan. But, he said, the Prisons Authority suddenly revoked permission for Avitan to attend and switched the location to Neve Tirza. A Prisons Authority spokesman told Ifrah — and later, *The Jerusalem Post* — that Avitan could not attend for security reasons. He declined to elaborate.

"I don't understand why," Ifrah told *The Post*. "They had already told us to deposit money for sweets and drinks."

The circumcision was to have gone ahead at Neve Tirza today, but Ifrah yesterday received a temporary restraining order from Tel Aviv District Court judge Ya'acov Meltz.

In today's hearing, Meltz will decide whether to make the order permanent pending a ruling on Avitan's attendance.

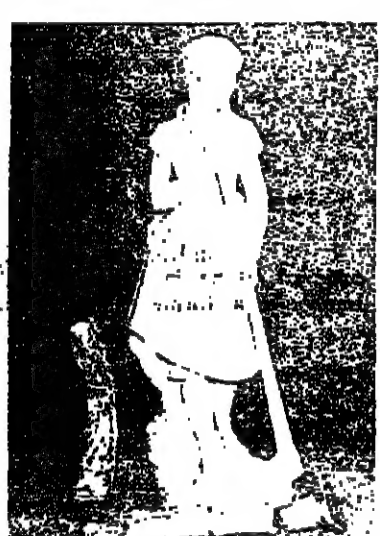
### New test for gonorrhea developed in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A quick and cheap method of diagnosing strains of gonorrhea that are immune to the usual penicillin treatment has been developed by the Kupat Holim sick fund's central laboratory, the fund's spokeswoman announced yesterday.

She said that the laboratory team, headed by Dr. Moshe Smilovitz, found that of the 258 cases of gonorrhea caused by the *gonococcus* bacterium which were studied at the laboratory, half were immune to penicillin, which is the routine treatment for gonorrhea.

The new diagnostic method for the venereal disease has proved to be highly accurate, the spokeswoman said. The Haifa team's findings that half of all current gonorrhea cases are caused by a penicillin-immune strain of bacteria, originating in the Far East and Africa, appear to hold true for the entire country, she added.



These three stolen statues were recently recovered by police, who invite their owners to claim them. The large statue of the barefoot girl is marble. Police describe the other two as Chinese or Japanese.

### Compassionate terrorist sent to Jordan

By JEFFREY HELLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The PLO terrorist freed recently from the Ansar prison camp in Lebanon because he saved the life of an Israeli paratrooper his squad had captured, was sent to Jordan yesterday, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Mohammed Amin Sait, 26, was taken to Jordan, where he has family, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross, informed sources said. The

sources could not confirm a press report that after Sait's release from Ansar three weeks ago, he returned to the camp following a hostile reception from residents of his village near Sidon. The report said the villagers made his life miserable, because of the publicity given to his warm relations with paratrooper Efraim Talby. Sait's squad took Talby prisoner on the first day of the war after Talby had been wounded and separated from his unit.

## Tour for man who could not see Jerusalem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Can old Middle East antagonists make up and joke about their past quarrels? Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and former U.S. treasury secretary Michael Blumenthal showed yesterday that it could be done.

The mayor, who had demonstratively boycotted Blumenthal's official visit to Jerusalem five years ago, received him warmly yesterday in his office and then conducted him on a tour that included sites Blumenthal had formerly refused to visit, as well as

sites Kollek had once refused to show him.

Blumenthal, now a private citizen and chairman of the Burroughs Corporation, is here as a guest of Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pati and the Investment Authority. His computer firm is reportedly considering investing here and Jerusalem is one of the potential sites.

During his official visit in 1977, the then cabinet minister was to have been received by Kollek and conducted on a tour of the city. Because of sensitivity about East Jerusalem, it had been agreed between the State Department and

the Foreign Ministry that the tour would be only in West Jerusalem.

Kollek was furious when he learned of this. Declaring that he was mayor of a united city, he refused to meet with Blumenthal.

The two men laughed about the row during their meeting in Kollek's office yesterday. The mayor then took his guest on a tour that lasted more than an hour and included East and West Jerusalem — from Damascus Gate to Neveh Ya'acov to Liberty Bell Park. Blumenthal also visited the Atarot Industrial Park, which municipal sources said might be a prospective site for a Burroughs computer plant.

## Hebrew U. wants campus democracy

By ISRAEL AMIRANI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University announced yesterday that it would stand by the decision of its board of governors to recognize only a democratic and independent student organization, and that this principle must guide an arbitration between the university and a student union.

The university responded to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's appointment on Sunday of former Supreme Court president Moshe Landau as an arbiter to solve the conflict between the university and the Student Union.

The university last week expelled the Student Union and the National Union of Students from their offices in the Mexico Building. Three months ago, it withdrew its recognition of the Union which is controlled by the right-wing Kasten faction when the latter did not hold elections according to the absolute proportional system, as had been agreed last year.

The university spokesman said it also does not recognize another student body, the Student Association, which was founded four months ago by centre to left-wing student factions.

Although recognizing that the education minister has no authority over internal Hebrew University affairs, an Education Ministry spokesman last week told *The Jerusalem Post* that Hammer wanted to see the prolonged conflict between the university and its students union solved.

### Parents may disrupt classes tomorrow in TA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Disturbances by parents are expected at Hagall school in the Neve Zahal quarter tomorrow morning and the municipality may call in the police to ensure the orderly opening of the new school year there.

The city yesterday obtained a court injunction against 22 sets of parents, forbidding them to disrupt studies at the school in any way, the city's education administration director Shimon Shoshani said yesterday.

The parents refuse to register their first-grade children at the Hatikva Quarter's Hayarden school, as the municipality has instructed, claiming that their children must attend their neighbourhood school.

### Tourists of all nations to sport identical tags

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The World Tourism Conference has decided to facilitate the movement of tourists by giving them a special tag — identical for all nationalities — to wear.

"This tag will ensure better service for tourists," said Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir, whose proposal to add the tags to the travellers' apparel was unanimously accepted by the conference plenum, meeting in Acapulco, Mexico.

## Early verbal and math tests to help pupils catch up

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All third and sixth graders will be tested on their writing and mathematics abilities in December and April respectively to determine which pupils will receive help to catch up with their peers.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announced this plan at a press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agron yesterday, on the eve of the opening of the school year tomorrow.

Hammer said that by identifying and helping the weaker pupils at this early stage it would not be necessary to tutor them in basic skills when they join the army.

"We want to see to it that all pupils know how to read and write," said the minister. The ministry also intends to send several dozen potential high school dropouts to each academic high school in the country, in order to "give them another chance" to matriculate. The ministry will try to obtain a six-month delay in their army induction to enable them to complete matriculation.

Hammer said that this year more schools would be given pedagogical autonomy under which only two-thirds of a school's curriculum is mandated by the authorities, with the rest planned by the parents and community. Schools will be encouraged to experiment with courses on subjects like the environment, Eretz Yisrael and communications, Hammer added.

The ministry will also encourage the development of "special-character" schools that will be more involved with their community and reflect local interests.

A committee headed by Hebrew University Prof. Eliezer Schweid has been appointed to find study programmes to intensify Jewish and Zionist identity. Prof. Arye Dvoretzky, former head of the Israel Academy of Sciences, has been named to head a committee on the development of technological studies in schools.

In addition, pupils this year will

discuss Operation Peace for Galilee, the role and history of the PLO, the development of Galilee and the morality of war. Hammer said that each teacher would guide the discussions with help from factual material provided by the ministry.

Noting that much remains to be done for Arab pupils, Hammer announced that 120 new classrooms are available this year for the Arab sector.

Hammer repeated his support for the recommendations of the Etzioni commission on teaching and said he hopes that despite complaints about foot-dragging among teachers' unions, agreement on their implementation would be reached within a few months. Under a compromise reached yesterday, teachers retain the right to strike but cannot demand that the recommendations be implemented by a certain deadline.

Within four years, all schools would be cleaned and their grounds tended by pupils, Hammer said, adding that he was amazed by last-minute opposition by teachers unions to this new requirement, which they had favoured earlier.

Budget constraints have forced no drastic cutting of educational programmes, but have hurt auxiliary programmes, he said.

Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli said that for the first time, teachers who are not graduates of a university or a three-year teachers' seminary will not be hired.

This means that in three years, there will be no more teachers who lack diplomas in the school system. A total of 1,257,000 pupils, from kindergarten to university will attend school this year — 31,000 more than last year. Over 66,000 teachers will be teaching this year.

President Yitzhak Navon will today begin a tradition by opening the school year with a ceremony at Beit Hanassi. The festive ceremony will be attended by Hammer, teachers' representatives and selected parents from around the country.

### Teachers seek last-minute solutions

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the Histadrut Teachers Union will meet today with Micha Barkol, director of the Education Ministry's central region, in a last-minute attempt to solve teacher employment problems.

On Sunday, the union had threatened not to open schools in the central region tomorrow unless a solution was found for the many teachers who have yet to be assigned to schools or whose hours of teaching have been drastically cut. Pinhas Hagin, treasurer of the union, said he hopes the meeting with

Barkol will solve everything and eliminate the strike threat.

As for the other potential source of school strikes, the implementation of the Etzioni commission's recommendations, Hagin said Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor met yesterday to discuss the issue and that he hopes to hear a report today.

Teachers and other representatives of the education establishment will take time out today from the routine of opening the school year to celebrate the event in a ceremony at Beit Hanassi. As things look now, classes will begin tomorrow as scheduled.

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NAHUM GOLDMANN, who died on Sunday at the German spa of Bad Reichenhall, was one of the most prominent old-style Jewish leaders of this century. Encyclopedic in his knowledge, speaker of many tongues and a tough bargainer in all of them, he spent much of his 87 years embroiled in controversy.

During his years in the spotlight, Dr. Goldmann played the role of the *stadlan*, the go-between who interceded for his fellow Jews with the gentile authorities. Among Jews, he was often accused of assuming dictatorial powers; his statements and actions rarely failed to stir heated debate.

Nahum Goldmann was born in the small Lithuanian town of Viskov, on July 10, 1895. He always claimed that it was there, in the *shetl*, that he acquired his consciousness of the Jewish reality while at the same time throwing off the yoke of an inferiority complex, and thus felt fortified in his encounters with the largely hostile gentile world.

When he was six, his parents moved to Frankfurt-am-Main, and it was there that he got his schooling and made his first attempts at writing prose and poetry. It was also there that he made his first speeches in connection with various Jewish and Zionist activities.

HE WAS DRAWN to Eretz Yisrael, but never immersed himself in the life of the Jewish homeland. He first visited the country in 1911, while he was still a student at Heidelberg University. He skipped a whole semester and stayed on a few more months to tour the country. Then he rented a romantic attic with a balcony in Jerusalem's Russian compound.

He became closely acquainted with many of the Yishuv's pioneering fathers, who tried hard to persuade him to join them and to stay for good. However, he had different ideas. His love of the Land was based on the Bible and his own idyllic concepts. It was unencumbered with sober realities.

"I loved Palestine, untouched," he wrote. He liked to think of the "majestic presence of mountains, without having to be displeased about the settlements that would be established on them." He expressed doubt whether "the Jewish people, now that it had returned to the land, will ever succeed in restoring, on any high level, the harmonious wholeness of the country and its aura of history."

The Jewish leadership had little patience for his lofty ideas. This was the real source of the estrangement between Goldmann and the people and kind of Israel even before World War I. David Ben-Gurion found it difficult, even in later years, to bridge the gap. He and his friends stayed here while Nahum Goldmann returned to Germany.

DURING WORLD WAR I Goldmann was employed in the propaganda section of the German Foreign Ministry, partly as an expert on Jewish and Eastern affairs. Many years later this experience was to help him in dealings with the U.S. government. At the end of the war he obtained his doctorate in law but decided to be a journalist. His *Freie Zionistische Blätter* was not a resounding success, and he eventually joined the staff of the German-language *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

Goldmann enjoyed Zionist politics and was one of those who helped to remove Chaim Weizmann from the leadership of the World Zionist Organization at the 1931 Zionist Congress in Basel. The new president, Nahum Sokolov, invited him to join a Keren Hayesod fundraising campaign in America.

There he met Stephen Wise, who was toying with the idea of creating a World Jewish Congress. When Wise asked Goldmann to undertake the preliminary work, he readily

Hassia Weiner, Nahum Goldmann's personal secretary for three decades, prefers to erase from her mind his controversial later years and remember him as "perhaps the greatest, wisest, and most charming man I have known."

Weiner, who has been President Yitzhak Navon's personal secretary since 1976, was the first Israeli to be notified after Goldmann's death on Sunday night, and it was she who informed the president.

"I will always remember Dr. Goldmann as a great man," she declares, citing his "famous good humour, his humanity, his intellect and good heart."

She recalled that "everybody

## Jewish leader in the old style



(Above) Nahum Goldmann, photographed in 1975. (Below) With Adenauer after signing of reparations pact; with Begin in 1977. (Rubinger, Abramowitz, Plus 21, Hershkovitz)



agreed. After the establishment of the Congress, Goldmann became an official representative of *Comité des Délégations Juives*, which fought for Jewish minority rights at the League of Nations. This enabled him to set up his headquarters in Geneva.

In 1940, Goldmann fled war-ravaged Europe and settled in New York. Years later, asked why he went to the U.S. instead of to Palestine, he claimed that he had been asked to do so by Ben-Gurion and other Zionist leaders, who believed his presence in the Diaspora was indispensable.

Goldmann was a magnetic and energetic personality who wielded considerable influence during World War II. Besides representing the World Jewish Congress, he was a member of the Zionist Executive and of the Zionist Emergency Committee. In those years world Jewry and the Yishuv were desperate. In those days of knocking on the U.S. State Department's doors, finding ways and means of assisting Jewish refugees from the Nazi inferno, enlightening the gentile world as to what was really going on, and planning a programme for Palestine, every man of goodwill was indispensable.

IT MAY STILL be too early to assess Goldmann's achievements in those trying days. Breckinridge Long, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Special Problems who successfully blocked all attempts to help Jewish refugees for four long years, claimed that the rivalry, jealousy, antagonism, and basic disunity of American Jewry had assisted him greatly in his task.

Goldmann himself was surprisingly frank on this matter. "All of us," he wrote, "who spoke for the Jewish people in those days — and I

Although Ben-Gurion himself had a major share in the political decisions which made the reparations agreement possible, Goldmann's contribution not merely to compensating Holocaust survivors for their sufferings but to the up-building of the new state, must not be underrated.

Hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from the Arab countries as well as victims of Nazi oppression were waiting to begin a new life in an Israel suffering from shortages of everything from food to fuel. For all this, foreign currency was essential, and Goldmann was largely responsible for making it available.

The final signature of the reparations agreement by Chancellor Adenauer, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and himself on September 10, 1952, was certainly Nahum Goldmann's finest hour. The conclusion of the agreement not only implied West German recognition of the State of Israel; it also gave recognition to an organization — the Jewish Claims Conference — which had no standing in international law. By extension, it made Goldmann assign a status of similar importance to his World Jewish Congress. From that moment, he perceived himself as titular head of all world Jewry with the exception of the Jews of Israel.

In 1956 Goldmann was elected president of the World Zionist Organization, and declared that it was his intention to settle in Jerusalem. He was offered a Keren Kayemet plot in the city's most expensive quarter, Talbieh, for the erection of a villa. In the event, he agreed to the building of a four-storey apartment house on the site in exchange for his own home on the entire top floor. At the beginning of this year he exchanged his rarely-occupied apartment for a more modest flat.

GOLDMANN ENTERED Israeli politics in 1961, participating in the campaign for the Fifth Knesset in the ranks of the United Liberal Party. His action caused considerable controversy over the right of a non-citizen to take part in Israeli electoral affairs. He finally became a citizen in 1964.

Much of his criticism, over the years, was levelled at Ben-Gurion's policies. Goldmann often claimed that, had he been head of state, he would have signed a peace treaty with the Arabs within hours. Ben-Gurion, Mapai and the Labour Movement were fearful, warlike, and prejudiced. Goldmann was wont to declare. He complained that the Israeli establishment did not comprehend the World Jewish Congress's efforts to come to an understanding with the Arab world.

It was this failure in Israeli politics that apparently caused Goldmann's alienation from Israel and Zionism.

Some analysts have linked his dismal failure on the Israeli political scene to his later relations with the country and the Zionist movement, and to his statements that Israel had failed to solve the problems both of the Diaspora and of its own eventual survival as a tiny island in an ocean of Arab hostility.

He resolved to obtain recognition for the World Jewish Congress as the sole representative of all the Jewish people. This also seems to have been the motive behind his attempts to improve relations with the Soviet Union and the East European Communist countries.

His pursuit of recognition removed Goldmann further and further from the Israeli scene. If he perceived that the emergence of Israel assisted Jews elsewhere, he often chose not to recognize this publicly. He preferred to blast Israeli "intransigence," and to pursue the building of his own invisible empire.

Goldmann became an indefatigable — and often self-appointed — ambassador for what he saw as Jewish and Israeli in-

the Independent Liberal Party, knew Goldmann for 50 years, and received a letter from him just two days before his passing. It described his efforts to obtain a German government gift for Beit Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv, which was named for Goldmann.

The two first met in 1933, at the 18th Zionist Congress, when Goldmann was an impressive leader of a radical faction. Later, he was close to the Progressive Party, the forerunner of the Independent Liberals. Kol recalls that in 1952, Goldmann lost in the fight to unite with the General Zionists, which Kol favoured. "He told me it was a rare thing for him to lose."

Kol remembered Goldmann describing his friendship with the late German chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who broke into tears after the successful negotiation, at the German reparations for Holocaust survivors in Israel.

Goldmann was a "great Zionist leader," Kol maintains. "He was for territorial compromise and for the integration of Israel in the region. But he never met with Arafat — though he could have — because he didn't want to take action that the government opposed."

Goldmann loved attention, says Kol, and he relished the fact that even at the age of 85, at his birthday party, he was interviewed and followed by the press as if he were an official leader of the Jewish people.

Kol suggests that Goldmann never settled in Israel, because he didn't want to get mired in Israeli politics; and because he felt Israel was too small for him.

terests. His travels took him far and wide and he met world leaders such as the late Yugoslav president, Josip Broz Tito. His critics said he was often viewed by those who sought to advance their own anti-Israel aims.

Dr. Goldmann failed to be re-elected as President of the World Zionist Organization in June, 1968. He came, at the time, under heavy fire for his political activities, one of them being an alleged indiscretion, a talk with Senator Fulbright about changing Israel's foreign policy. Golda Meir who was Secretary-General of the Labour Party at the time was one of the chief forces working against his re-election.

WHAT WAS probably his most controversial venture occurred in the spring of 1970, when he sought to go to Cairo on a unilateral peace mission. It was said at the time that President Gamal Abdul Nasser had agreed to meet Goldmann.

But the Israeli cabinet, and par-

ticularly Prime Minister Golda Meir, vetoed the initiative. Moshe Dayan, defence minister at the time, said that only parties to a conflict were entitled to conduct negotiations. Goldmann reacted strongly, directing much of his bitter criticism against Mrs. Meir.

Two years later, in September 1972, Goldmann had another run-in with the Israeli cabinet, over his suggestion that Israel finance "ransom payments" to the Soviet government for Jewish professionals seeking to emigrate from the USSR.

In April 1978, Goldmann visited Poland where he was received graciously by the local leadership. He was flown by helicopter to attend the opening of the Jewish Martyrdom Pavilion at Auschwitz. There he chose to speak in Yiddish for an hour on Jewish history without once mentioning the word Israel.

Back in Warsaw, Goldmann

presented the Polish government with a list of requests on behalf of the remnants of the Jewish community. They were ignored.

In 1979, on the first anniversary of the opening of Beit Hatefutsoth, the Diaspora Museum honoured Nahum Goldmann by adding his name to its title.

Nahum Goldmann remained controversial to the end. One of his last public acts was to initiate, only last month, an advertisement in *Le Monde* calling for an Israeli-Palestinian initiative. He persuaded several prominent Jews, including former French premier Pierre Mendes-France and Philip Klutznick, his successor at the World Jewish Congress and a member of the Carter cabinet, to sign the ad.

In the last few weeks, he was again called on to defend himself against charges of giving aid to Israel's enemies over Operation Peace for Galilee.

Alexander Zivelli



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## Remembering Goldmann

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

loved him, even those who opposed him fiercely. People liked having him to argue with."

Goldmann, she continued, never held a grudge. A South American journalist who wrote virulent articles against Goldmann in the Yiddish newspaper he edited was very poor in his old age. When Goldmann heard about it, he decided to send the man, indirectly, a monthly

pension from his own pocket. But he insisted that the editor never know where the money came from. "It would kill him," she recalls Goldmann as saying.

Goldmann's greatest failure, she says, was his inability to set down roots in Israel. "He felt he was a man of the world. Even in the Diaspora he lived in many places, and couldn't settle down in one. He was the symbol of the wandering Diaspora Jew," says Weiner.

But he loved Israel very much, and wanted very much to be buried on Mt. Herzl, in the section reserved for leaders of the Zionist movement, to which, as a former president of the WZO, he was entitled under the World Zionist Organization constitution.

She notes that Goldmann was always critical of Israeli governments — not only Menachem Begin's but also those of his Labour Party predecessors.

Despite his senescence, he "wasn't senile. His strong criticism," she suggests, "may have stemmed partly from his drive to remain in the headlines even after he lost his position of power."

When notified of his death, she felt "much pain. One knows that at the age of 87, people die. But it still hurt very deeply — I had been so close to him, his work and his family."

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## Controversial to the end

THE LATE Nahum Goldmann was a figure of controversy among Jews and Zionists through much of his public career, which stretched over a period of more than seven decades. In his last years he became the subject of especially acerbic debate in Israel. But he did not mind it, indeed he seemed to revel in it. Typically, perhaps, his very final public act, in response to Operation Peace for Galilee, was to issue a call, jointly with Pierre Mendes-France and Philip Klutznick, for mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO.

This delighted Yasser Arafat, but it did little to enhance the reputation, in this country, of the man who had been president of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress. This last act may also have encouraged his detractors within Israel's present regime to claim, when he passed away on Sunday at 87, that Nahum Goldmann had never been a Zionist at all. At the Jewish Agency the proposal was earnestly put forward that he should be denied burial at the plot reserved for past WZO presidents on Mt. Herzl.

For a moment it seemed that such petty vindictiveness might prevail. Fortunately wiser counsels won out. Israel, though collectively often at odds with Nahum Goldmann, will grant him, upon his death, the tribute due to one of the towering Jewish — and Zionist — leaders of the century.

In retrospect there is some reason to wonder that the pleasure-seeking "lone wolf" that Nahum Goldmann undoubtedly was, managed to rise as high as he did in democratic Zionist politics. He never settled in the country, which even Israelis well disposed towards him always found difficult to forgive. From 1913 on he passed up a series of opportunities to go on aliya and enter the mainstream of Israeli public life. He could easily have won a seat at Israel's cabinet table after 1948, but he repeatedly declined the honour.

To the worldly-minded, globe-trotting Goldmann, Israel apparently could not offer sufficient scope for his ambition. Backed up by a rare combination of quick intelligence, sharp wit and native charm, he sought, and found, a role instead as leader of the whole dispersed Jewish people — a modern version of the Resh Galuta. The State of Israel, as he saw it, was but a part, however vital, of World Jewry. The ingathering of the exiles could not, in his book, provide a total solution to the Jewish problem.

Yet he laboured in the Zionist cause nobly, and well. His monument is without a doubt the Reparations Agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany, which paved the way for the establishment of normal relations between the two countries. He had plans for some other monuments, too, but these did not come off. Despite his soft line on the Soviets, Moscow would not invite him over to discuss the fate of Russian Jewry. And Golda Meir refused to authorize him to deal with Gamal Abdel Nasser, after the Six Day War, in Israel's name.

To the Egyptian ruler, Nahum Goldmann was acceptable as an interlocutor precisely because he had long been a critic of official Israel policy.

Goldmann believed that, beginning with David Ben-Gurion, Israel was pursuing safety through a policy of "military superiority" and "ruthless intimidation," and he thought this wrong. His basic argument was that Israel could not exist forever as a hostile island in an Arab ocean. This could be granted by many, even most Israelis, but less so Goldmann's remedies, which ranged from a Middle East confederation, in which the Arabs would, as he put it, "inevitably have the upper hand in matters of world politics," to the neutralization of Israel between the world blocs.

Because he was such an expert in whipping up a storm, it is easy now to forget that he was also an outstanding tribune and an accomplished negotiator for his people. His personal story is inextricably bound up with the saga of the Jewish renaissance in the Jewish land.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** SCHOOLBOYS and girls in an ordinary London school "jumped at the chance" to learn Arabic and are reading and writing the language after three months' study, a schoolmaster there said recently.

The North Westminster Comprehensive in West London's Paddington district is the first in Britain to add Arabic to its regular curriculum. The teacher is Mohamed Hussein, an Egyptian. A dozen pupils aged 14 are learning Arabic, and another 12 will join them in September.

"The children have made great strides and are now studying up to graduation level," said Sol Garson, in charge of Language teaching at the school.

The school is in an immigrant area and many tongues can be heard in the streets, but the native Londoners are as interested in learning languages as anyone, said headmaster Michael Marland.

In addition to the pupils learning Arabic as a foreign language, there are 90 Arab children in the school who speak it in classes held after their normal lessons to polish their mother tongue. Five hundred parents go in on Saturdays for classes run by the London Arabic Parents Association.

# Lewis must answer for his softness on Begin

By DAVID LANDAU/Post Diplomatic Reporter

THE END of a war is usually the time when conceptions that have proved wrong are discarded and heads roll.

Assuming (hopefully) that the war in Lebanon is now at an end, the head that ought most urgently to be lopped off is that of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis. For if there is one lesson that this war drove home with crystal clarity, it is that the conception which Lewis represented in U.S.-Israeli relations — humouring Prime Minister Menachem Begin rather than forcefully arguing with him — has proved, belatedly, quite wrong.

One high-decibel telephone call from President Reagan put an end to the wanton carnage in Beirut. Israel's insistent claim that it had been bombing and shelling only in response to PLO violations of the cease-fire proved embarrassingly hollow when, as a result of that one phone call to Begin, silence descended on both sides of the battlefield.

Obviously, we are not suggesting the actual recall of Sam Lewis, who has endeared himself to broad sections of Israel's public. The questioning of the ambassador's role is not *ad personam*, but *ad rem*.

ONE WONDERS, for instance, whether that phone call from Reagan to Begin might not have come days or even weeks earlier were it not for Lewis' insistent advice to Washington that a crass and blatant exercise of pressure upon the Israeli Premier would be counter-productive.

This, according to reports from the U.S., was Lewis' line when Begin visited the U.S. early in the war, and when Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir came to Washington a few weeks later.

The president's angry phone call to Jerusalem on August 12 represented, in effect, a decision to disregard the ambassador's tactical advice and adopt a different and much more energetic approach.

There are signs, emanating es-

pecially from secretaries Shultz and Weinberger, that this approach will not be limited to that one-time outburst of presidential anger. There may be more plain talking now between Washington and Jerusalem — about Lebanon and Syria, and about the Palestinians.

Washington policymakers possibly rue their failure to discard the Lewis line at an earlier stage. The warning bells should have rung last December when, in the wake of U.S. protests at the annexation of the Golan Heights, Begin subjected the ambassador to that remarkable, hectoring, humiliating harangue ("we are not your vassals"), immediately disseminated far and wide by then Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor.

SEASONED diplomats commented at the time that another ambassador would have halted the outpouring at the outset, politely informing the prime minister that he was not authorized to receive this message — and, if necessary, leaving at that point. Lewis chose to sit and sweat it out.

But if there is to be a long-overdue discarding of conceptions in the wake of the war in Lebanon regarding U.S.-Israel relations, it must embrace not only the government in Washington but also, perhaps even more important, intelligent opinion here in Israel.

For the issue is not merely how Menachem Begin, the man and the leader, reacts to being roughly handled. The issue is how Israel as a whole responds to the prospect of Washington's throwing its weight around in our part of the world with a good deal more vigour than it has been wont to use in the past.

At present, the response is veritably Pavlovian. Almost all of us, doves and hawks alike, froth at the mouth at the thought of anything remotely resembling an "imposed settlement." (That codeword to trigger our patriotic indignation juices was coined and imbued deep into the national psyche by the late Golda Meir. Premier

Begin prefers the even more loaded phrase, *diknat*.)

When George Ball wrote of the need for the U.S. to "save Israel from itself," virtually the entire nation bayed in outrage. Indeed, Ambassador Lewis has spent the past five years assuring everyone here that Washington is neither willing nor able to heed Ball's advice. And his Israeli friends, moderates as well as hardliners, would always profess themselves intensely gratified that no such insidious scheme is running through the Administration's mind.

YET, when Ariel Sharon sent the bombers swooping down, wave after devastating wave, over Beirut on that terrible Thursday, how many Israeli moderates, in their hearts, prayed for Washington to do just that: save Israel from itself?

Because of the national paranoia surrounding the concept of "imposed settlement," not many of them had the guts to admit their real feelings after the event. (Yizhar Smilansky, writing in *Davar*, was one who did.) Yet what was the ending of the Beirut imbroglio if not an "imposed settlement" — imposed by our super-power patron on us and the other parties?

Indeed, it could be argued with much justice that Camp David itself was an "imposed settlement" — one that Begin and Sharon have been trying to wriggle out of ever since.

Both Camp David and Beirut were instances of the super-power undertaking the task — and the risks — that global responsibility should entail.

Following Beirut, the U.S. apparently intends to persevere in the vigorous pursuit of a Middle East settlement. Whether that settlement is perceived here as "imposed" — with all the pejorative import of that term in our national psyche — will depend on the extent to which intelligent Israelis recognize that such U.S. perseverance is vitally desirable — in the interests of both countries and of peace.

## READERS' LETTERS

### DISTORTED INFORMATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A footnote to the justified complaints about news coverage of Israel's war against the PLO in Lebanon derives from the just-published index to the U.S. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a newspaper covering higher education in the U.S.A. and abroad. In 24 stories on Israeli matters (in the index: "Israel and West Bank") over a six-month period, no fewer than 12 covered events at something called Bir Zeit. I find not a single entry relevant to the Hebrew University, and only two on Tel Aviv University. The final five items on the list are entered as follows: Bir Zeit halts classes over anti-war graffiti; troops quell Bir Zeit protests; Bir Zeit closed after clashes; Israeli's bar off campus classes for Bir Zeit students; soldiers jailed in Bir Zeit beating incident. Along these same lines, of four entries relevant to the war against the PLO, three highlight

opposition to the war.

When you consider that the *Chronicle* is a highly specialized newspaper, you realize the extent of the problem. American professors are supposed to imagine that in the State of Israel (and "West Bank"), there is this great university at Bir Zeit, against which all the power of the state is marshalled, for reasons unspecified. And that is all that is happening in Israeli higher education at this time. So we are supposed to believe.

Public opinion is notoriously fickle and always modish; those who frame public opinion turn out to be framed by it. I do not fear for the future, and I am confident that the good name of the Jewish State will in time be vindicated. But surely there are things to be done while we wait.

PROFESSOR JACOB NEUSNER  
Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island.

### THE RATESCU CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to Mrs. Katzenell's letter of August 29, concerning the Ratescu family of Rumania. In every struggle, success is generally not the achievement of one person, and the Ratescu case is no exception. I would like, therefore, to call your readers' attention to Mr. Kotlowitz, Head of the Immigration and Absorption Dept. of the Jewish Agency, whose direct involvement with the Ratescu case led to meetings, personally, with Foreign Minister Shamir on two occasions and with the Rumanian Ambassador and his political adviser. In addition, he had

several conversations with Rabbi Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, both in Rumania and Washington.

In addition, in order to boost their morale and that of their family in Israel, Mr. Kotlowitz kept them informed of the progress being made on their behalf.

Mr. Kotlowitz readily agreed to enable Mrs. Katzenell to communicate by telephone with the Ratescu and the United States. However, when Mrs. Katzenell requested a round trip from the U.S. to greet the Ratescu upon their arrival in Israel, Mr. Kotlowitz could hardly approve using public funds for this purpose.

In the final analysis, Mr. Kotlowitz was most gratified to learn from Rabbi Rosen on August 16 that the Ratescu family had received notification that the Rumanian authorities would arrange the necessary papers for their aliya to Israel.

MORTON DOLINSKY,  
Immigration and Absorption Dept.  
of the Jewish Agency  
Jerusalem.

## WARS OF THE JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I see that MKs intend to denounce the actions of El Al men (August 13).

Where were the voices of the MKs when Jews were stoning Jews on the Ramot Road, when Jews were killing Jews with illegal chains in Bnei Brak, when Jews were calling Jewish policemen Nazis during demonstrations, when Jews were fighting other Jews in Yamit, when Jews were demonstrating violently against other Jews at the City of David dig, when Jews of one persuasion use physical pressure to impose their convictions on other Jews?

A. GOLDBERG  
Lod.

## SHARING THE BURDEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I strongly recommend to those of us who understand the purposes of this war, but who live abroad, to demonstrate that understanding by buying Israel Bonds in amounts at least equal to the obligatory loans required of Israeli citizens: four per cent of our gross income for the next 10 months.

While we do not have the personal privilege of the responsibility of serving in the IDF defending Jewish lives in a Jewish state, we can show our unity and reduce the burden to the rest of our family.

SOLOMON BURACK  
Jerusalem (Downsview, Ontario).

## FESTIVAL PLAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In her report, "The land's a stage" (August 13), Dvora Ben Shaul omits the mention of Samy Gronemann in connection with the play, "King Solomon and the Cobbler." The play was a big success some 30 years ago.

DOROTHEA JACOBSSON  
Haifa.

Dvora Ben Shaul comments: The play is by Gronemann. Alterman translated it, adapted it and wrote the lyrics in Hebrew.

## Dry Bones



## NO REASON FOR GUILT FEELINGS

By MACABEE DEAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

GNAWING at the mind of all too many Israelis, like a festering canker, is a feeling of guilt about the death of innocent civilians in the Peace for Galilee campaign.

An attempt should be made, even at this late date, to put this guilt feeling into a proper perspective. Several frames of reference can be used.

The first comparison could be made about the Nazis' activities in Europe, and the generous help they got from the Austrians, the French, the Poles, the Hungarians, the Ukrainians, and many of the others who are now condemning Israel.

But no comparison can really be made, for the innocent civilians then were not innocent bystanders caught in a murderous cross-fire; they were the targets of that fire, unless they lived long enough to be gassed. Moreover, the comparison is bad since this was a period of European insanity which has little to do with the "guilt feeling" which troubles many Israelis today.

(And if we try to draw parallels between the actions of the Americans in Vietnam and those of the Israelis in Lebanon, the Israelis can hold their heads quite high. And we believe that any American neutral observer of both wars will agree.)

The second comparison can be drawn by reversing the roles of the PLO and the IDF. Let us assume that the PLO used the Lebanon for a jumping off point for a thrust deep into Israel. And by some fluke (Military Intelligence was fast asleep again as on the eve of the Yom Kippur War), the PLO made a serious penetration. How would the unarmed Israeli civilians in the path of the invaders have fared?

Does anyone really believe there would have been any survivors, (unless they fled)? The declared purpose of the PLO is to wipe Israel, and the Israelis, off the face of the earth. And the Israelis could expect the same international intervention in their favour that the Lebanese themselves received during their recent civil war. If Christians would not save Christians, would they save Jews? The piles of Israeli bodies would have to be bulldozed into mass graves.

And if anyone believes that the decent treatment given to the IDF prisoners-of-war by the PLO can be taken as an indication that the PLO has changed its attitude, perhaps it would be best to remember that the PLO knew it had lost a war.

If the PLO for one moment

thought it would win, or even fight the IDF to a standstill, the results would have been dramatically different. Israeli would have got back — perhaps in — the course of several years — a few coffins with a couple of bodies.

The PLO goodwill in the case of these Israeli POWs should be compared to the goodwill shown by the Nazis on the eve of the collapse of the Third Reich. They, too, wanted an insurance policy.

Both of the above attempts to draw comparisons have one fatal flaw. If we acted better than others, it still does not mean we acted properly.

The only yardstick which makes any sense is this one: Given the specific circumstances, with the PLO deliberately refusing to evacuate the civilian population, and deliberately using innocent men, women, children and babies as barricades to protect themselves, did the IDF do everything possible to avoid spilling innocent blood in its efforts to wipe out the PLO?

So far, no general on active service at the front has claimed otherwise, although there has been such comment from several opposition politicians (but not all), speaking far from the sound of shooting.

True, one field officer resigned his commission on the grounds that he "might" be asked to open fire on civilians; but not even he claimed that he had been asked to do so, or that he had done so in the past.

By the above criterion, the only fair one, the IDF came off with flying colours.

So, in the light of the above, any Israeli with a feeling of guilt should either have his head thoroughly examined, or be thankful that he is so sensitive to the plight of others. If other peoples were so sensitive, much less innocent blood would be spilled in this world.

The problem, of course, is how to convince that part of the world which has swallowed Yasser Arafat's Big Lie that the Israelis are the villains, that he is pure as driven snow.

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